

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectively requested in view of the above amendments and these remarks. Claims 2-7, 9-13, 15 and 18-20 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 8, 14, 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(c) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,782,059 to Lin. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin. Claims 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin and further in view of United States Patent Application No. 1007/0011568 to Hocevar. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin and further in view of United States Patent No. 6,731,606 to Lin et al. As between the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006 and the Final Office Action, claims 2-7, 9-13, 15, 18 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant notes with appreciation that the subject matter of these claims is deemed to be allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the superseding and rejected claims.

The Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections set forth in the present office action. However, desiring to expedite the issuance of a patent for the present invention and in view of the Examiner's indications of amendments that would confer allowance, the Applicants have sought to amend the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Thus, claims 2, 6, 9, 11-13, 15, 18 and 20 are amended, and claims 1, 8, 15 and 16-17 are cancelled. No remaining grounds for rejection or objection being given, the claims in their present form are asserted to be patentable over the prior art of record.

As the Applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the Applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the

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Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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Respectfully submitted,
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